

CAAS ANNOUNCED INITIATIVES FOR THEIR AVIATION MANPOWER PROGRAMME AT THE INAUGURAL AVIATION OPEN HOUSE



The inaugural Aviation Open House was organised by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) to showcase the aviation industry and its many career opportunities to students and job-seekers. At the opening ceremony, Lim Hwee Hua, Minister, Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Finance and Transport, announced a S\$9 million Aviation Manpower Programme (AMP) from 1 December 2010 to 31 March 2015. The

AMP will comprise initiatives to attract, develop and retain talent and manpower for the aviation industry, beginning with three key aviation sectors of aerospace, air transport and air cargo & logistics.

CAAS will introduce programmes and incentives to attract and build the manpower base for the industry, establish a top-quality workforce and grow the management and specialised profession talent pools to enhance the local aviation industry's vibrant and dynamic edge. CAAS will team up with industry players and training institutions to roll out initiatives which include scholarships, support for skills upgrading, executive development programmes and student outreach activities.

During the Aviation Open House, held at the Singapore Aviation Academy (SAA) on 18 to 19 November, students from institutes of higher learning were given a glimpse of the wealth of job opportunities available in the aviation industry. More than 30 companies, comprising key industry sub-sectors of airlines, airport management and services, aerospace engineering, air cargo & logistics, business and general aviation, industry associations and government agencies, participated in the event.

Aside from holding career talks and fielding questions at exhibition booths, participating companies also gave students site tours to help them understand firsthand the work environment and the sector's work scope, capabilities and employment opportunities. Visitors also participated in fun interactive games and had the privilege to experience SAA's state-of-the-art air traffic control and airport emergency services training simulators.

